

Minutes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2006

Board Members Present: Chairperson Lao Rubert, Carolina Justice Policy Center; Gayle Harris, Health Department; Marcia Owen, Victim Services; Robin Odom, NC Department of Labor; Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager; Joseph Anthony, Criminal Defense Attorney; Geoffrey Hathaway, Community Corrections; Fredericka Carver, Member At Large; Ann McKown, District Court Judge; Lafonda General, Member At Large; Riley Butler, Community- Based Corrections Program; Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Kevin Hutchinson, Member At Large

Board Members Absent: Antoinette Hilliard, Public Defender's Office; Kenneth Titus, Superior Court Judge; Michael Nifong, District Attorney; Michael Page, Durham County Commissioner; Ellen Holliman, Mental Health

Staff: Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, Robin Heath and Jonie Coss

Guests: Dianne Smith, Coastal Horizon (TASC); Danny Bland, Regional TASC Coordinator; Conrad Strader, CJPP Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lao Rubert, members and guest introduced themselves. Lao welcomed everyone.

Lao Rubert presented November 16th minutes for approval. Minutes were approved.

Program Updates - Jo Iverson presented program numbers from July 2005 through January 2006. She stated CJRC served 304 individuals, there were 168 new admissions and the completion rate was 31%. Jo went over each program and reported on their overall numbers and percentages. She highlighted the DRC by stating the completion rate had increased, however the Second Chance Program completion rate had decreased. She reported CJRC and TASC were looking at ways to increase the completion rate of the SC program. Jo finished by presenting a brief 6-months comparison report.

Day Reporting Center - Gudrun Parmer informed the board that CJRC received re-allocation funds in the amount of \$9,575.00. She stated the funds would be used for a part-time clerical position to cover the front desk in the evening. The rest of the funding would be used for various classroom and program supplies. She reported CJRC reinstated regular staffing between probation, CJRC and the TASC program.

Employment Services - Gudrun informed the board that a grant has been written to the City of Durham Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Development Block Grant funds to continue the current REPAIR Project into next fiscal year. She detailed what the grant funds would be applied to and stated if the grant was approved it would fund two cycles per year.

Drug Treatment Court (DTC) - Gudrun explained funding from DTC would go away at the end of this fiscal year. She explained CJRC and DTC met and discussed how the CJRC could continue to provide services to some of DTC clients through the Second Chance Program.

Pretrial – Gudrun gave an update on Pretrial Services. She informed the board the County Commissioners approved a contract with Reliance Management Group to provide electronic monitoring services. She stated they would begin EM on March 1st. She added staff began interviewing inmates in January. Gudrun distributed a report for January and explained the statistics in the report.

Gang Intervention Grant - Gudrun stated there would be a grant requesting funding for two programs going to the Governor's Crime Commission. One program would be an intervention program that would target individuals age 12 – 17, who were involved in gangs. She stated the program usually ran through the Boys and Girls Clubs. She explained how the County could apply for the grant funding and how the funding would be administered by GCC, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Durham County. The grant would fund \$50,000 annually per program for two years. She gave credit to Donnie Phillips; Department of Juvenile Justice, for completing the grant. She stated the other program would be a community outreach program. That funding could possibly fund a second street outreach worker through the police department's Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Gudrun advised the board that Conrad Strader identified a gap in the administration of DRC. She stated DRC clients should go through the TASC program for a substance abuse assessment and referral because CJRC received public (state) funds for their SA TX program. Conrad added that TASC served as a conduit for public substance abuse treatment funds. Gudrun explained she met with Geoff Hathaway, DCC and Dianne Smith, TASC to discuss how they would be able to make that happen and still continue the intake process that was already in place. She stated Dianne would now be part of the DRC staffings and clients who were currently in DRC and had not been seen by TASC would be picked by Dianne at that point.

State CJPP Update – Conrad gave an update of January's State CJPP meeting. He stated the meeting was very productive. He informed the board the State Administrator for CJPP had been promoted to the Assistant Director of Programs for DCC. He explained because of the promotion some of his jobs duties would change.

2005 Annual Report – Gudrun passed out the 2005 Annual report for the CJRC, she added all program supervisors participated and Jo created the format and put the report together. Board members reviewed the report. Gudrun suggested Lao present the report to the County Commissioners.

FY 2006-07 CJPP Grant Application - Gudrun presented a short version of the CJPP grant application for continuation funding and stated there would be some attachments to the application that she was still working on. She briefly went over the application; she explained the only addition was the vocational skills training. She stated the personnel line was the majority of the grant budget and explained the two contracts with Freedom House and the Chamber of Commerce. She completed her report by explaining the program objectives. She added once the application was approved by the board it would go to the County Commissioners for approval and then on to

Conrad by the end of March. A motioned was made to approve the application, all were in favor. Application was approved.

Lao mentioned an upcoming conference for Community Programs that Work; the conference was scheduled for April 20. She invited the board to become a co-sponsor, which meant they would need to send at least one board member to the conference. Several members mentioned they were interested in attending. Gudrun stated there would more information sent out via email. Lao asked for a motion to accept the invitation for co-sponsorship. Motion was made. All were in favor.

Lao thanked all members and visitors for attending and informed the board the next meeting was scheduled for May 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm